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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS, VENICE:
EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE

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1. A PERMANENT DELEGATION SOURCE HAS GIVEN US A READOUT ON THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSIONS IN VENICE ON SEPTEMBER 11-12 AS THEY RELATED TO THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS THE FRENCH SAID THEY WERE READY TO HAVE THE PLO AS SUCH PARTICIPATE IN THE DIALOGUE. THE BRITISH COUNTERED, SAYING THEY STILL VIEW ANY DEVIATION FROM THE DENATIONALIZED EXPERTS FORMULAS AS PRE-MATURE. THE BRITISH DID, HOWEVER, AGREE THAT THIS POSITION MIGHT HAVE TO BE RECONSIDERED IF THE ARAB SIDE MADE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO A PRECONDITION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE DIALOGUE.

2. THE GERMANS REPORTEDLY SAID THEY THOUGHT IT NOW POSSIBLE TO OPEN UP THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION OR "POLITICAL MATTERS." THEY INDICATED THEY DID NOT

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INTEND TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION PER SE IN

THE DIALOGUE, BUT RAHTER WERE WILLING TO SEE A DISCUSSION OF DETENTE, EAST-WEST RELATIONS, AND "THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN".

3. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE FRENCH, EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SEE A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMISSION (AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL) IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. OUR SOURCE INDICATES THAT NO SUBSTANTIVE CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED ON THE ISSUES OF PLO PARTICIPATION, BRAODENING THE SUBJECT MATTER, OR RAISING THE LEVEL OF THE DIALOGUE, AND THE COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT EXPR-LEVEL MEETING WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE IN EARLY NOVEMBER.
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